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SUBJECT: ARTICLE VI REVISION: APPARENTLY SHELVED FOR 1977

SUMMARY: FOLLOWING NEW ROUND OF PRIVATE CONSULTATIONS SINCE TRANSMITTAL OF REFTEL, CO-SPONSORS HAVE APPARENTLY DECIDED THAT IN VIEW OF STRONG OPPOSITION, THEY WILL NOT RPT NOT PRESS FOR ACTION ON STATUTE AMENDMENT AT 1977 GEN CONF, BUT ATTEMPT TO GARNER SUPPORT FOR TWO-SEAT ENLARGEMENT OF BAORD AT 1978 SESSION OF GEN CONF. END SUMMARY

1. PRINCIPAL CO-SPONSORS OF AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE VI CLEARLY WERE CHAGRINED BY IMPASSE RESULTING FROM JUNE 23 CONSULTATIVE SESSION. AT CLOSE OF THAT MEETING, ACCORDING TOSLATER (U.K.), EGYPTIAN AMBASSADOR (SIRRY) EPXRESSED TO HIM HIS KEEN DISAPPOINTMENT THAT NO ONE PRESENT AT THAT MEETING HAD COME UP WITH COUNTER-PROPOSAL OF A  
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ONE-AND-ONE BG EXPANSION, TO WHICH SLATER REPLIED THAT HAD THIS OCCURRED U.K. WOULD NOT RPT NOT HAVE BEEN PREPARED TO SUPPORT IT.

2. AT SIRRY'S INVITATION, SLATER AND I MET WITH HIM, LIBYAN AMB. (AL-GHADAMSI) AND PAKISTANI AMBASSADOR (SATTAR) JUNE 27 TO REVIEW SITUATION. SLATER FIRST MADE IT CLEAR HE HAD NO RPT

NO MANDATE TO NEGOTIATE FURTHER. I OBSERVED THAT TWO-AND-ONE PROPOSAL ADVANCED JUNE 23 WAS TOTALLY INACCEPTABLE TO U.S.; MOREOVER, I COULD GIVE NO RPT NO ASSURANCES RE ACCEPTABILITY OF ONE-AND-ONE PROPOSAL SHOULD THAT BE BROUGHT FORWARD. SATTAR THEN SAID THAT CO-SPONSORS HAD COME UNDER ATTACK FROM OTHER AF AND MESA MEMBERS FOR REDUCING AMENDMENT PROPOSAL FROM ORIGINAL THREE-AND-TWO EXPANSION, SO THAT IT HAD BECOME NECESSARY FOR THEM TO WITHDRAW TWO-AND-ONE PROPOSAL ADVANCED JUNE 23. SIRRY SUGGESTED THAT ACCOMMODATION MIGHT BE REACHED IF A MEMBER FROM ANOTHER AREA, SUCH AS AUSTRALIA, WERE TO TABLE AN AMENDMENT FOR ONE-AND-ONE. SATTAR SUBSEQUENTLY INFORMED ME THAT ARGENTINE RES REP (ESTRADA), HAD AUTHORIZATION TO JOIN IN CO-SPONSORING SUCH AN AMENDMENT, WHILE MAKING IT CLEAR THAT THIS WAS MAXIMUM LA GROUP COULD GO ALONG WITH WITHOUT INSISTING ON AN ADDITIONAL LA SEAT.

3. IN DISCUSSION WITH SLATER AND ME AT HIS MISSION LATER SAME DAY, AUSTRALIAN AMB (FURLONGER) SAID THAT HE WOULD BE AGREEABLE TO TABLING SUCH A PROPOSAL PROVIDED IT REPRESENTED CONSENSUS OF ALL GEOGRAPHIC AREAS AND PROVIDED FURTHER THAT ASSURANCES WOULD BE BUILT IN FOR MORATORIUM ON FURTHER BOARD EXPANSION FOR FIVE YEARS.

4. ON JUNE 28, A SECOND MEETING OF WEO GROUP CONVENED AT US MISSION FOLLOWING MEETING OF EC MEMBERS EARLIER  
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IN DAY. SPEAKING ON BEHALF OF E.C. GROUP, SLATER REPORTED THAT THEY WERE STILL OPPOSED TO PRINCIPLE OF ANY EXPANSION IN BOARD; THAT THERE WAS LITTLE POINT IN HELPING CO-SPONSORS EXTRICATE THEMSELVES FROM THEIR CURRENT DIFFICULTIES, PARTICULARLY IN VIEW OF LDC TACTICS IN BOARD DEBATE ON SOUTH AFRICA, AND THAT, WITH BLOCKING THIRD OF VOTES LIKELY TO BE IN HAND, AMENDMENT PROPOSAL SHOULD BE BLOCKED AT GEN CONF. ONLY PARTICIPANTS TO REGISTER MISGIVINGS RE THIS COURSE OF ACTION WERE AUSTRALIANS, AS BEFORE.

5. AT SUGGESTION OF GROUP, SLATER AND I UNDERTOOK TO INFORM (A) CO-SPONSORS (B) SOVIETS OF RESULTS OUR DISCUSSION. IN DISCUSSION WITH US EVENING OF JUNE 28, SATTAR AND SIRRY APPEARED TO CONCEDE THAT SOUTH AFRICA DEBATE HAD NOT CONTRIBUTED TO RECEPTIVITY BY OTHER MEMBERS ON ARTICLE VI REVISION. THEY CONCEDED FURTHER THAT THEY HAD INSUFFICIENT VOTES AT GEN CONF TO PUT OVER THEIR AMENDMENT, AND THAT THEREFORE, WHILE THREE-AND-TWO AMENDMENT WOULD REMAIN ON GEN CONF AGENDA, THEY WOULD NOT PRESS FOR ITS ADOPTION; RATHER, THEY WOULD CONTINUE TO EXPLORE POSSIBILITY OF ANOTHER MEMBER STATE

INTRODUCING NEW AMENDMENT PROPOSAL FOR ONE-AND-ONE  
EXPANSION TO BE BROUGHT BEFORE 1978 GEN CONF AFTER  
INTERVENING SESSION(S) OF BOARD HAVE PROVIDED REQUISITE  
QUOTE OBSERVATIONS UNQUOTE. NEITHER SLATER NOR I, OF  
COURSE, MADE ANY ADVANCE COMMITMENTS.

6 IN MEETING WITH US JUNE 29, SOVIET REPS MISHARIN AND ZOBOV  
EXPRESSED COMPLETE AGREEMENT WITH OUR POSITION AND  
STRON OPPOSITION TO ANY EXPANSION WHATEVER OF BG.

7. COMMENT: FIRM STAND TAKEN ON THIS ISSUE BY THREE  
REGIONAL GROUPS (NA, WE, EE) JOINED BY IMPORTANT  
MEMBERS FROM OTHER AREAS, I.E. JAPAN AND, TO LESSER  
EXTENT AUSTRALIA, PLUS LACK OF ABILITY LA MEMBERS TO  
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LEND EFFECTIVE SUPPORT WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR CO-SPONSORS  
DECISION TO STAND DOWN. THERE IS THUS LIKELY TO BE LITTLE  
MORE THAN PRO FORMA DISCUSSION OF THIS ITEM IN SEPTEMBER.  
AS CO-SPONSORS HAVE REMINDED US, HOWEVER, ISSUE HAS NOT  
BEEN INTERRED ONCE AND FOR ALL. IN  
PARTICULAR, WE SHOULD REMAIN ALERT TO POSSIBILITY OF LAST MINUTE  
EFFORT BY CO-SPONSORS TO RAM THROUGH THEIR AMENDMENT  
END COMMENTS.  
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